with the New Super Cooperative Store for tampering with the weighment of Almonds' stocks; and

(e) if so, what steps NCCF have taken for getting the unenquired charges enquired into to punish theguilty officer for committing large scale irregularities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Out of five charges against the Assistant Manager-II, only one was proved in the enquiry for which a warning was issued to him.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir. However, ultimately the Enquiry Officer returned the charges as 'not proved'.

(e) There is no charge which remained without enquiry against the Assistant Manager-II. The case had been enquired into and appropriate action taken.

Enquiry against Incharge of Moti Nagar Godown of NCCF

950. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total loss to NCCF in the distribution of pulses through PDS in 1978-79;

(b) whether it is a fact that there were complaints against the Assistant Manager II, Incharge of Moti Nagar Godown who did not account for pecuniary gains receipt of 100 bags of pulses on 22-8-78, 50 bags on 29-8-78 and 125 bags on 7-9-78 despatched to his centre from Lawrence Road Centre;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Managing Director, NCCF had held the concerned officer guilty for serious lapses and his explanations were sought for on 29-6-81;

(d) whether it is also fact that Enquiry proceedings against the concerned Asst. Manager for reported excess stock of pulses though intiated during 1979-80, have not been completed yet;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by NCCF to complete the enquiry early for punishing the guilty officer; and

(f) whether it is also a fact that the officer concerned was promoted during the pendency of the Enquiry Proceedings; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES(SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The NCCF has reported that the Delhi Branch who handled the entire business over a period incurred a total loss of Rs. 37.98 lakhs during the year 1978-79 in this transaction.

(b) to (e). No, Sir. There were no such complaints regarding manipulation in the distribution of pulses in the Moti Nagar Godown in 1978 by the Assistant Manager-II. Since excess stock of pulses were noticed at the Moti Nagar Godown, an investigation was conducted and on that basis action for imposition of major penalties were initiated by appointng an enquiry officer who has since resigned from NCCF. However, no formal chargesheet was framed and served on the Assistant Manager-II by the Management of the NCCF, which has nullified appointment of E. O. for initiating major penalty proceedings.

(f) Yes, Sir. The Officer was promoted during January, 1984 by the then Management while the enquiry was on. The reasons for the same are not available in any record.

Purchase of items by Fertilizer factories from other than authorised source

951. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether items, covered by DGS&D Rate/Running Contracts with more than 2/3 manufacturers, could be procured on